

CHAPTER NO.8

SENATE BILL NO. 20

By Cohen, Burks, Atchley, Blackburn, Burchett, Carter, Clabough, Cooper, Crowe, Crutchfield, Davis, Dixon, Elsea, Ford, Fowler, Graves, Harper, Haun, Haynes, Henry, Herron, Kurita, Kyle, Leatherwood, McNally, Miller, Person, Ramsey, Rochelle, Springer, Williams, Womack, Mr. Speaker Wilder

Substituted for: House Bill No. 43

By Hargrove, Armstrong, Arriola, Baird, Beavers, Bittle, Black, Bone, Bowers, Boyer, Briley, Brooks, Brown, Buck, Bunch, Buttry, Caldwell, Chumney, Ralph Cole, Ronnie Cole, Cooper, Curtiss, Davidson, David Davis, Ronnie Davis, John DeBerry, Lois DeBerry, Dunn, Eckles, Ferguson, Fitzhugh, Ford, Fowlkes, Fraley, Garrett, Givens, Godsey, Goins, Gunnels, Hagood, Hargett, Harwell, Hassell, Head, Hood, Jackson, Sherry Jones, Ulysses Jones, Kent, Kernell, Kerr, Langster, Lewis, Maddox, McAfee, McCord, McDaniel, McDonald, McKee, McMillan, Miller, Montgomery, Mumpower, Newton, Odom, Patton, Phelan, Phillips, Pinion, Pleasant, Pruitt, Rhinehart, Ridgeway, Rinks, Roach, Robinson, Sands, Sargent, Scroggs, Sharp, Stulce, Tidwell, Tindell, Todd, Towns, Brenda Turner, Larry Turner, Walker, Walley, West, Westmoreland, White, Whitson, Williams, Windle, Winningham, Wood, Mr. Speaker Naifeh

AN ACT To designate a certain segment of Interstate 40 as the "Senator Tommy Burks Memorial Highway".

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were shocked and appalled to learn of the untimely death of our dear colleague, Senator Tommy Burks of Monterey; and

WHEREAS, Upon reflection, we wish to pay tribute to Senator Burks' memory and bountiful life of purpose by dedicating a lasting memorial in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Burks truly epitomized the ideal of the dedicated and proficient public servant, and he often exceeded the call of duty to ensure that his constituents and, indeed all Tennesseans, were being well served by their government; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being a peerless public servant, Senator Tommy Burks was also a devoted family man and a loving husband, father and grandfather; and

WHEREAS, Although his farm in Monterey was more than 100 miles from the State Capitol, Tommy Burks made this tiring journey each day in order to spend more time with his family and friends, and to stay close to the concerns of his constituents, almost never spending the night in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Despite the rigors and the constraints of his daily Monterey-Nashville round-trip, Senator Burks never failed to fulfill the duties of his office with the greatest acumen, integrity and dedication, rarely missing, or even being late for a floor session or a committee meeting; and

WHEREAS, To Senator Burks, the slight inconveniences presented by his extensive travel were greatly outweighed by the many benefits of being able to serve the needs of his constituents and his family equally well; and

WHEREAS, Because Tommy Burks traveled so many miles in faithful service of Tennessee's collective well-being, this General Assembly finds it fitting to name the segment of Interstate 40 that encompassed his daily journey to honor his memory and his indelible legacy of outstanding public service; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, that segment of Interstate Highway 40 from the eastern boundary of Davidson County eastward to the corporate limits of the City of Crossville is hereby designated as the "Senator Tommy Burks Memorial Highway" as a lasting tribute to this exemplary public servant, dedicated husband and father and remarkable human being.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect or affix at least five (5) suitable markers or signs designating such segment of Interstate Highway 40 as the "Senator Tommy Burks Memorial Highway"; such markers or signs shall include, one (1) sign on eastbound Interstate 40 at the Wilson County line, one (1) sign on eastbound Interstate 40 at the Putnam County line, one (1) sign on westbound Interstate 40 at Crossville, one (1) sign on westbound Interstate 40 at the Putnam County line and one (1) sign on westbound Interstate 40 at a point twenty-five (25) miles east of the Davidson County line.

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: February 25, 1999




JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 11th day of February 1999



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